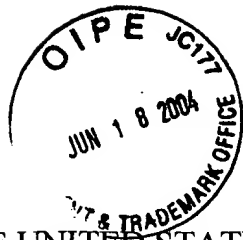


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Sir :

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed April 19, 2004, Applicants submit this amendment concurrently with the Appeal Brief in order to reduce issues on appeal. Inasmuch as the two-month period for filing the Appeal Brief ends on June 19, 2004, this concurrently filed amendment is being filed in a timely manner and no extension of time is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, such as any necessary extension of time fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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